

3 THREATS: SHOT DEAD, MANY HURT

15 States Join Fight For Liquor Law

ARIZONA IS FIRST TO TAKE ACTION

Attorneys General Combine In Attack On Personal Use Qualification.

CONFLICTS IN CASE ARE SHOWN

Officials Declare Personal Use Clause Tends To Nullify Prohibition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Attorneys general of 15 states today filed with the supreme court a joint argument in support of the constitutionality of the West Virginia liquor law prohibiting the receipt and possession of intoxicating liquors for personal use and of the federal Webb-Kenyon liquor law prohibiting the shipping of intoxicating liquors into states for use in violation of state laws.

The states represented are Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Washington and Alabama.

Case Is Up For Argument.

The decision of the court in the West Virginia case, now before the court for oral argument, is expected to be the most important adjudication of the temperance fight in a decade.

Hard To Reconcile Laws.

"It seems strange at this late date," the attorneys general stated in the court in their brief, "to hear a claim made that the state and national government possess and receive liquor for personal use and to drink the same in unlimited quantities. It could have been the case, it is difficult to see how any sort of prohibitory law could have been sustained, since all of them have a direct tendency to reduce or prevent the use of intoxicating beverages, and it is the purpose of all of them to promote temperance by the prevention of the consumption of intoxicating liquors."

One Apparent Conflict.

"If a citizen of a state has a right to obtain intoxicating liquors for his own use in any quantity or in unlimited quantities, it would seem to follow he should at least have the right to manufacture such liquor for his own use from the products of his own labor, and yet it is settled he has no such right."

State Must Control Shipments.

Turning to the Webb-Kenyon law, the attorneys general urged that, to accomplish the valid purpose of prohibiting the traffic in liquor, it is necessary for a state to have the right to control interstate shipments even for personal use.

"This is a step which has a fair relation to the end to be accomplished," they contended. "What is the difference in principle between the denial of the right to manufacture and a denial of the right to import?"

Burglary Forms Alibi Of 'Big John,' Charged With Murder Of Greeks

Danville, Ill., Feb. 22.—"Big John" Murphy went on trial today charged with the murder of two Greek track workers in their bunk house here last fall. His defense is that he could not have murdered the Greeks because he was in Champaign robbing a grocery at the time they were killed.

DAUGHTER OF FORMER JUSTICE DIVORCED AFTER 23 YEARS

Austin, Tex., Feb. 22.—A decree of divorce has been granted to Mrs. Lella Gaines Gwathmey from her husband, Temple Gwathmey, wealthy club and society man of New York, by Judge A. S. Fisher of the criminal district court here. The plaintiff is the daughter of the late Judge Reuben R. Gaines, for many years chief justice of the Texas supreme court. They had been married 23 years.

DENVER SECURES OPTION ON WATER COMPANY'S PLANT

Denver, Colo., Feb. 22.—A contract was approved Monday by the city commissioners, by which the city secures an option on the plant of the Denver Water Company, thus ending a long legal controversy involving rates and service, which was carried to the United States supreme court.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate.—Senator Johnson, of Maine, read from Washington's farewell address.

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WOMEN'S "GRAFT" STAYS CHICAGO; COGEAL ORDERS CHARGES PROBED

Woman Official Claims She Had to Pay a Third of Her Salary to Superior to Rehabilitate Finances of the Mayor and His Relatives Following Election; Alderman Says He Saw the Transfer of Money.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 22.—In the midst of the battle of discussion that burst forth today as a result of charges of graft among women office holders in Chicago, made in a city council meeting Monday, Mrs. Page Waller Eaton and Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, the opposing principals in the case, had only the most complimentary things to say of each other.

"I am tickled to death at the opportunity to meet these charges," said Mrs. Rowe. "Mrs. Eaton is one of the sweetest women I know. She surely was not herself when she made these charges."

Paid \$1000 a Year, Alleged.

The charges came out when alderman Rodriguez introduced a resolution in the council calling for investigation of the allegation that Mrs. Eaton, superintendent of the bureau of social survey, had been required to pay a third of her salary of \$3000 a year to her superior, Mrs. Rowe, superintendent of the department of public welfare, for the benefit of a needy relative of the mayor.

It was asserted that the money was forced from Mrs. Eaton by Mrs. Rowe and, furthermore, that the orders had come originally from the mayor's office.

Ferred Loss of Position.

"In order to protect herself, after the demands for money were made last June," Rodriguez said, "Mrs. Eaton went to her lawyer, Seymour Steadman. After conferring with him, she called me in. I advised her that she should not pay the money, but that she should make the payments, if she was pressing her, made her fear the loss of her position," she decided to continue making the payments. I told her to stop."

JAPANESE EXPECTS ONLY UNARMED RUSSIAN PASSENGERS SAFE

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 22.—It is believed the way has been cleared for an actual alliance between Russia and Japan as a result of the visit of the Japanese ambassador to Moscow, Count Matsuoka, cousin of the duke of Devonshire, on his way to the United States.

References to the closer union between Russia and Japan were contained in the official addresses exchanged at the palace where emperor Yoshihito gave a state dinner in honor of the grand duke who came to Tokyo to speak of the Japanese coronation greetings from the czar.

Emperor Extends Welcome.

"It is our greatest satisfaction," said emperor Yoshihito, "to see the sentiments of friendly respect and mutual confidence between our nations daily increasing and growing stronger."

He wished the grand duke's visit to this country will be an enjoyable one and we firmly believe that the highness will personally observe and appreciate the sincere and friendly sentiments entertained by our nation toward your country and people.

The grand duke presented to the emperor the grand order of the Chrysanthemum and honored the members of his suite with various decorations.

After transmitting the czar's congratulations, the grand duke referred to the great friendly attitude and deep sympathy given by the Japanese nation since the commencement of the war. He went on to say: "I beg to assure you most cordially that the immense sympathy and assistance given to our nation have caused unbounded gratitude and will leave an everlasting impression in the hearts of the Japanese people."

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Way is Believed Paved For Actual Alliance of the Former Enemies.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Confidential advice from Berlin today indicates that Germany soon will inform the United States that her previous assurances that unarmored liners will not be attacked without warning holds good for future submarine operations, provided, however, that such liners do not carry armament.

The German government will contend, the advice state, that what now is characterized as a defensive armament really is offensive armament when submarines are concerned and will propose discussion with the United States of what may properly be termed defensive armament.

As none of the British and French liners now clearing from American ports carry any guns whatever, such assurances from Germany will be in the nature of reassurances for the safety of the neutrals they carry, even under the terms of the few submarine campaign.

There were intimations from official quarters today that the United States would permit the use of armed ships to the general subject of armed ships to be drawn out indefinitely. The advice state, however, that the situation clarified without delay.

Congressional Leaders Get Information.

Monday night's conference between president Wilson, senator Stone and French minister of foreign affairs, Georges Clemenceau, chairman of the congressional committee dealing with foreign affairs, and senator Kern, the Democratic floor leader, was said authoritatively today to have been held in order that the president might inform the congressional committee of the negotiations being carried on by the state department.

FRENCH GENERAL CLEARS SITUATION IN GREECE

Athens, Greece, Feb. 22.—Friction in Greece over the presence of the entente allied forces in Greek territory has been considerably lessened it is said, by an interview which Gen. Sarrahl, French commander in Greece, had with king Constantine of Greece Monday. The king said afterward they had conversed frankly and that many differences between Greece and the allies had been ironed out.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS WARN AMERICANS FROM VESSEL

New York, Feb. 22.—Warning not to embark on the French liner Espagne, due to sail for Bordeaux Thursday, have been received by Americans who have booked passage. The letters call attention to the new policy of Germany of regarding all armed merchant ships as ships of war after February 25.

RUSSIA WOULD BUY SHIPS JAPAN TOOK FROM HER

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 22.—Negotiations are under way between Russia and Japan by which Russia would buy back several warships which Japan captured during the Russo-Japanese war.

BOMBS EXPLODE AS AIRSHIP PUTS THE EARTH

Incendiary Shell From Automobile Cannon Brings Raider Downward.

SECOND ZEPPELIN TURNS AND FLEES

Great Crowds Of French Witness Fall of German Craft; See Bodies.

PARIS, France, Feb. 22.—Twenty-two members of the crew of a Zeppelin lost their lives in flames Monday near Brabant, in Belgium, when an incendiary shell from an anti-aircraft gun mounted on an automobile truck brought the raider blazing to earth. Other anti-aircraft guns joined in the bombardment of the enemy craft.

One Zeppelin Escapes.

The Zeppelin was one of the latest model, according to the advice, being of the marine type and number L-27. Another Zeppelin was following it 15 kilometers behind when the French gunners began to fire.

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GERMANS GAIN NEW GROUND

Paris, France, Feb. 22.—German forces Monday evening delivered a strong attack against the French positions at the forest of Giverny (east of Soissons) according to official announcement made by the French war office this afternoon, and were successful in penetrating the first lines of the French trenches.

Berlin Reports Victory.

Berlin, Germany, Feb. 22.—The capture of 400 meters of French territory east of Soissons by German troops is announced today by the German war office.

AUSTRIAN AIR RAIDERS KILL FOUR PEOPLE IN ITALY

Rome, Italy, Feb. 22.—Four people were shot dead by Austrian aviators in raids over the province of Brescia, moving toward Milan. The victims were all civilians. Material damage was slight.

The War At a Glance

PETROGRAD dispatch today estimates the losses of the Turks at Erzerum as 40,000, killed, wounded and prisoners. The Russians are pursuing the Turks westward from Erzerum as well as to the north and south, as the Turkish forces have split and fled in all directions.

The advance of the Russians, it is declared, is rapidly becoming a forward drive along an unbroken front from the Black sea to Mush, west of Lake Van.

Austrian Air Raid Italy.

The Austrians are continuing their air raids over Italian territory. The latest flights were across the province of Brescia and toward Milan. Rome reports four persons killed and five wounded, with only slight material damage.

General Interviews Greek King.

Differences between Greece and the entente allies appear to be in a way to be smoothed out as the result of a visit of Gen. Sarrahl, the French commander in the Balkans to king Constantine.

European Events Unimportant.

Military operations in European territory are continuing relatively unimportant.

THE NATION'S HERO



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By WALT MASON

U.S. DAYS OF COURAGE FUGITIVES ARE TO WASHINGTON STILL AT LARGE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Every agency of the American government paused today to pay homage to the memory of George Washington, President Wilson, secretary of the navy, Daniels, French ambassador Jusserand and other national and international personages, gathered at a celebration at Continental Memorial hall under the auspices of Associated Patriotic Societies.

Both houses of congress suspended business while senator Johnson of Maine and representative Baker of California read president Washington's farewell address.

At Mount Vernon, on the Potomac, wreaths and flowers were laid on the first president's tomb and many made pilgrimages to the mansion.

At Continental Memorial hall, the president and a large audience appeared for the reading of Washington's views on national preparedness in excerpts from his message to congress.

"Although written more than 100 years ago these words of Washington sound as if he had just awakened from his long sleep to utter them, so applicable are they to us now," declared Wm. F. Fitts, former attorney general of Alabama, one of the speakers.

Vice president Marshall in designating senator Johnson to read the address to the senate, said:

"In a time of stress and tumult when men, mad with the lust of passion and of war, are seeking to tear up the ancient landmarks of civilization, remove the light houses and the buoys, it is fit that the great father of the republic should be honored and revered in the United States senate chamber and that the concentrated wisdom of his lifetime should be listened to not only by the senate of the United States but by the people of the republic."

Sensors on both sides applauded vigorously. recess was taken until tomorrow in respect to Washington's memory.

Lodge Reverses Nation's Founder.

Morrisstown, N. J., Feb. 22.—United States senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, in a speech delivered here today before the Washington association, paid tribute to the popular government which Washington founded and which, he asserted, has been lost.

Speaking of the great change of government and public sentiment since the days of Washington and of Lincoln, senator Lodge declared Americans should not become as conceited as to forget the great problems with which the statesman wrestled, saying "all the wisdom was not born yesterday."

He issued a warning against "peace" (Continued on Page 9, Column 2.)

Yale Students, Sons of Prominent Men, Are In the List Of Injured.

BOILER EXPLODES, 'ADDING WRECKAGE' Parts Of Three Trains 'Are Piled Up In Tangled Mass Following Collision.

MILFORD, CONN., Feb. 22.—Six persons were killed and more than a score injured today in a wreck on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad near here. A special passenger train from New Haven ran into the rear of No. 79 from Springfield, just as a freight train was passing on the other track. Parts of the three trains were piled in a mass of wreckage and several coaches rolled over and over down an embankment. A statement issued at 2:30 this afternoon by the New Haven said four trainmen and two passengers were killed.

Prominent Young Men Hurt.

Among the injured passengers were John R. Kilpatrick, of New York, former Yale athlete and football player; Allan Corey, son of E. C. Corey, former president of the United States Steel corporation, and former Yale baseball captain; Morgan O'Brien, son of former justice Morgan J. O'Brien, of the New York state supreme court, and Ford Johnson. All are Yale men and were on the last car of the passenger train. It is not believed any of them suffered serious injury.

The dead are the flagman of No. 79 who had gone back to protect his train which had been stopped by a broken air pipe; engineer Curtis and fireman McGinnis of the special and a man and woman passenger on that train whose bodies were seen under the wreckage.

Flagman Goes Back.

The Connecticut river special No. 79 had stopped about a mile and a half east of a river bridge, because of a broken pipe. The flagman went back with his red flag. No. 79 was drawn by a motor, while the special which had been made up at New Haven, was drawn by a locomotive. It approached the stalled train under a good headway.

Freight Train Involved.

At the time of the collision a freight train was running west on the next track. When the smash came a passenger coach was forced over against the freight train, adding to the wreckage. The boiler of the engine drawing the special exploded, throwing wreckage in every direction.

Engineer Hurled Down Embankment.

The engineer of the special, was thrown down the embankment and was followed by the first two coaches, rolling over and over. The tracks within a moment were piled high with wreckage.

Most of the passengers in the special were from Hartford, New Haven and way points.

Shortly after 11 o'clock injured passengers were being taken by special trains both to New Haven and Bridgeport.

It was reported that among the passengers on the Connecticut express were a number of Yale students who were on their way to New York and other points.

According to the official version of the wreck, train No. 5, the special, ran into No. 79 three-quarters of a mile east of Milford. No. 5 having come to a stop on account of a broken air hose between the motor and the forward car. Both trains were partly wrecked. The engine of No. 5 turned over. An "extra" freight train was moving in the same direction on a parallel track at the time. The rear car of No. 79 also turned over and struck the freight train. All four of the tracks were blocked.

Official Version of Wreck.

A statement issued by the New Haven road at 10:30 o'clock said:

"Train No. 79 stopped on track 3 about three-quarters of a mile east of Milford because of trouble with air hose between engine and head car. While working on it, passenger train No. 5 ran into its rear. Engine and fireman of No. 5, flagman and Pullman car porter of No. 79 were killed. The engine of No. 5 was driven over the embankment and the rear coach of No. 79 was driven over onto a freight train which was moving in the same direction on adjoining track No. 1. Sixteen persons were injured, some of them seriously."

FIVE LOSE LIVES IN BOARDING HOUSE FIRE

New York, Feb. 22.—Four men and a woman lost their lives today in a fire which destroyed a theatrical boarding house on Broadway. The fire broke out in the rear of the building, and spread to the main part of the structure. The dead were identified as employees of the boarding house, and Thomas Keratosa, one of the proprietors.